Complete Listing of all Pending Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of configuring a user interface of computer-assisted equipment according to a service program, comprising the steps of:

said computer-assisted equipment transmitting a message to a remote computer;

said remote computer determining that said service program available on said remote computer is suitable for use with said computer-assisted equipment, said determining being based on said message;

said remote computer transmitting said service program to said computer-assisted equipment;

said remote computer conveying at least one interface instruction that allows said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer in accordance with said service program, wherein said service program programs one or more selectors located on a surface of the computer-assisted equipment; and

said computer-assisted equipment configuring the user interface of said computer-assisted equipment.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said computer-assisted equipment provides entertainment.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said computer-assisted equipment is an audio reproduction system.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said computer-assisted equipment is a remote control device that controls functions of a video entertainment system, said video entertainment system receiving content from said remote computer.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step includes said remote computer informing said computer-assisted equipment that at least one additional service program is available, said computer-assisted equipment selecting from among said service program and said at least one additional service program.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, additionally comprising said remote computer receiving a selection from said computer-assisted equipment, said selection indicating which of said service program and said at least one additional service program a user has selected.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said remote computer is a general-purpose computer.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said message is a service request that indicates that said computer-assisted equipment is ready to operate cooperatively with said remote computer.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising said remote computer transmitting content to said computer-assisted equipment under the control of said service program.

10. (Currently amended) In a computer-assisted appliance, a method for interacting with a remote computer that executes a service program, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a service request to said remote computer;

receiving an interface instruction that allows said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer in accordance with said service program, wherein said service program programs one or more selectors located on a surface of the computer-assisted equipment; and

transmitting a user input to said remote computer in accordance with said interface instruction;

receiving content from said remote computer in response to said interface instruction, and

said computer-assisted appliance configuring the user interface of the computer-assisted appliance.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said service request includes an indication that said computer-assisted appliance is available and is ready to receive said service program.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said remote computer is one of a portable and a desktop computing device.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said appliance is an audio system that conveys music, and wherein said content includes a music file.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said user input is a selection of a title of said music file.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said service program includes instructions that enable said audio system to display a list of music selections.

16. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said service program influences the function of a display located on said computer-assisted appliance.

17. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said service program influences a function of a remote control device used to control an entertainment device.

. 18-23. (canceled)

24. (Currently amended) In a remote computer, a method for cooperating with computer-assisted equipment, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for service from said computer-assisted equipment;

determining that a service program suitable for use with said computer-assisted equipment is available, said service program including an interface instruction;

transmitting said interface instruction to said computer-assisted appliance, said interface instruction allowing said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer in accordance with said service program, wherein said service program programs one or more selectors located on a surface of the computer-assisted equipment; and

cooperating with said computer-assisted appliance in accordance with said service program, wherein said service program configures the user interface of said computer-assisted equipment.

25. (Original) The remote computer of claim 24, wherein said determining step includes receiving a selection as to which service program has been selected by a user of said computer-assisted equipment.

26. (Original) The remote computer of claim 24, wherein said remote computer is interfaced to a network and wherein said remote computer communicates with a network location available on said network.

27. (Original) The remote computer of claim 24, wherein said transmitting step is accomplished by way of transmitting said interface instruction using a wireless interface.

28-32. (canceled)

33. (Currently amended) One or more computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform a method comprising the steps of:

receiving a service query from a computer-assisted appliance;

determining that a service program suitable for use with said computer-assisted appliance is available;

transmitting an interface instruction to said computer-assisted appliance said interface instruction allowing said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer in accordance with said service program;

transmitting said service program, wherein said service program programs one or more selectors located on a surface of the computer-assisted equipment;

said service program configuring the user interface of said computer-assisted appliance; and

receiving information from said computer-assisted appliance, said information being conveyed from said interface and resulting from a user interacting with said interface.

34. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 33, wherein said receiving a service query step includes receiving an indicator that informs said computer of a function performed by said computer-assisted appliance.

35. (Previously presented) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 33, wherein said determining step includes said computer searching through a list of service programs.

36. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 33, wherein said method further comprises said computer-assisted appliance prompting said user for said input.